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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003 (Paper No. 18), finally rejecting claims 1-6, 8, 9, 14, 17-21 and 23-31, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 14, 17, 19, 25, 26, 28, 29, and 31 as indicated in the following marked-up copy of the claims entitled "Amendments to the Claims" enclosed herewith.